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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER AYALA LAUDS US

1. SPEAKING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FAREWELL DINNER FOR
AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD, FONMIN JOSE AYALA, HAD UNUSUALLY
FAVORABLE COMMENTS ABOUT THE USG. ADDING TO HIS COMPLIMENTARY
REMARKS ABOUT AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD'S TENURE HERE, AYALA
COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS DISTINGUISHED BY HIS
DESIRE TO GET TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS. HE PARTICULARLY
PRAISED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.

2. NOTING THAT US/ECUADOREAN RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED
MARKEDLY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, AYALA PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED
THE ABSENCE OF TUNA BOAT SEIZURES AND THE GOE PLEASURE AT
PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVE ON THE AMAZON ACCESS QUESTION
WITH PERU. ALTHOUGH AYALA POINTED OUT THE CONTINUED PROBLEM
WITH GSP ACCESS, HE CREDITED AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD AND THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO REPEAL THE PROVISION
AS IT AFFECTS ECUADOR.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTARY COULD
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BE EXPECTED AT A FAREWELL DINNER, THE STATEMENT BY
AYALA, WHO IS KNOWN FOR HIS LACK OF EFFUSIVENESS, WENT
BEYOND PURE COURTESY. ALTHOUGH THE GOE HAS PRIVATELY
EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE
BILATERAL RELATIONS, IT HAS NOT BEEN THE STYLE TO
PUBLICLY COMPLIMENT THE US SO FULSOMELY. WE BELIEVE
THAT AYALA'S STATEMENTS, COMBINED WITH THE UNCOMMON

DECORATION OF A DEPARTING US AMBASSADOR, SHOULD BE
INTERPRETED AS THE REFLECTION OF THE GOE'S HONEST ANALYSIS
REGARDING THE STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.
BLOOMFIELD

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